

Breakthroughs beyond the classroom

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Reaching beyond expectations



We hear from PGL Beyond about what the team can offer schools and students.

For those working in education, we know how important the formative years are in a child's life. It is a time when they develop their personalities and build ambitions and dreams, shaped by their environments and experiences.

At PGL Beyond, we are proud to be a network of brilliant brands, each creating transformational experiences that go beyond the classroom and spark breakthroughs in young people.

Which brilliant brands make up PGL Beyond: The Breakthrough Network?

The UK's number one outdoor activity provider, **PGL** has been running children's activity camps since 1957 and is the flagship brand operating in its own centres in the UK, France and Australia. Synonymous with primary school activity trips, PGL offers a wide range of outdoor adventures, with programmes designed to grow with your students each year.

NST is the UK's largest educational tour operator providing inspirational curriculum-linked trips for primary and secondary schools, to over 100 destinations each year. **European Study Tours** provides worldwide educational tours, tailored to Key Stage 4 secondary education and sixth form colleges. **Studylink Tours** is the UK's number one student group travel specialist for the further and higher education sector.

Explaining the PGL Beyond Difference

1 Our REACH Framework

PGL Beyond's REACH framework has been developed alongside teachers to focus on the crucial learning outcomes that help to nurture young people to exceed their own expectations.

With programmes designed to focus on Relationships, Experiences, Abilities, Character, and Health, our framework ensures that there's an experience to suit each stage of a young person's education and development needs.

2 In Safe Hands

PGL Beyond's experiences are created to empower young people to push outside of their comfort zones, try new things, and put their potential to the test. The safety of your students is so important to us, it's one of our company values, and over the years we have led the sector in delivering experiences with the highest standards of safety across all our trips.

3 Better Beyond Adventure

We're dedicated to improving the lives of young people, both now and in the future. That's why we've made our Better Beyond Adventure commitment, to make our business more responsible and sustainable for future generations.

Better Beyond Adventure has been developed to focus on three important pillars; Champions of Wellbeing; Playing our Part; and Our Places, Our Planet. From fundraising, volunteering, carbon reduction, recycling, people development, wellbeing, re-wilding... each of these pillars are ways in which PGL Beyond can be a force for good. ●



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The ultimate Save our Seas challenge

Dive into our oceans with an exciting new challenge for your pupils available across all SEA LIFE centres.

Our oceans are in deep danger from climate change – and it's up to you and your class to play their part. That's the message from Ranger Bethan, who sets out the Save Our Seas: The Rangers Challenge in a new video message which is shared with schools before a visit to a SEA LIFE centre.

Your pupils will become the ultimate conservation champions and help save the oceans and sea creatures from danger. Learning about the effects of climate change with real-life context is crucial for our young people. With incredible creatures, expert daily talks and multimedia experiences, pupils are brought closer to the oceans than ever before during a visit to a SEA LIFE centre.

The new free Save Our Seas: The Rangers Challenge activity packs encourage pupils to consider:

- ★ The different sea creatures they will encounter and their habitats.
- ★ How sea creatures are being negatively impacted by human behaviour.
- ★ What can be done to help protect the sea creatures and their habitats.



There are two versions of the pack – one tailored towards 5-7 years and the other towards 7-11 years. An accompanying Teacher Guide takes you through the challenge which incorporates activities prior, during and after your visit. Download the teacher guide at www.visitsealife.com/uk/schools/

Before your visit

Pupils are set their challenge via a video message from Ranger Bethan. It will give them an idea of the key topics they will be exploring through a range of fun activities to complete during their visit.

The video also explains about the conservation campaign that pupils will complete once back at school.

During your visit

Teachers collect their activity packs on site. Children will get up close to many different species of creatures including seahorses, rays, sharks and starfish. They will work in groups of five to record their learning using the activity packs which are full of engaging tasks, such as guessing the sea creature by using clues to help them, or making a note of their favourite facts as they explore the SEA LIFE centre.

Curriculum objectives

Just some of the objectives achieved with The Rangers Challenge are:

- ✓ **KS1 Science:** identify and name a variety of common animals; describe and compare the structure of a variety of different species.
- ✓ **Lower KS2 Science:** recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways; explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- ✓ **Upper KS2 Science:** give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics; describe how species obtain their food from plants and other animals.

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• Ranger Bethan sets pupils the Save Our Seas Challenge in a video message.



The prompt questions and tasks encourage pupils to think critically and there are extension activities for further challenges.

Back in the classroom

It's time for pupils to create their campaigns. The aim is to inform others about the dangers posed to sea creatures, the ocean, and more importantly, what we can all do about it.

Pupils will work together to share what they have learned during their trip to SEA LIFE, considering the type of creatures, their habitats, and the threats they face.

The Teacher Guide includes ideas of how to incorporate the campaign into lesson planning including an English/literacy lesson in which pupils write to inform or persuade their audience.

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Where are SEA LIFE centres?



Taking the stress out of planning

There is no need to confirm numbers for your visit until two weeks before you go – making a provisional booking through the online form is very straightforward.

School groups benefit from special rates, and teachers receive a supporting risk assessment to make the process as simple as possible.

Some locations offer workshops for KS1-2 students too, including Habitat Explorers, if they are studying habitats and adaptations. Or the Our Sea Creatures workshop which sees pupils dive into a world of core creatures (sharks, jellyfish, penguins and seahorses) to understand their different needs. ●

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Win a school trip to your local SEA LIFE, including an exclusive onsite talk and special lesson plans for a very 'green' sea creature. Terms & conditions apply.



Delivering unforgettable trips and visits since 2006

Wicked Active Learning is the official education provider and ticket supplier for the award-winning stage musical *Wicked* at London's Apollo Victoria Theatre.

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• *Wicked* tells the story of two unlikely university friends on their journey to becoming 'Glinda The Good' and the 'Wicked Witch of the West'.

The origin story of the infamous *Wicked Witch of the West*, *Wicked* explores themes of self-esteem, discrimination, identity, fake news, and friendship, and has twice been voted Best Theatre Production for Schools at the School Travel Awards.

The production's dedicated and experienced in-house Learning Team is on hand to support all trips and visits organisers in the delivery of unforgettable enrichment and reward experiences, and youth group outings. **Wicked Active Learning** provides a range of free planning and risk management resources, including its popular Venue Preview Video, which enables Visit Leaders to assess the venue, and familiarise themselves with the environment and location of facilities, in advance of attendance.

To maximise the educational value and learning potential of every visit, the production also offers a range of free teaching and learning resources and lesson plans (including English, Drama, Anti-Bullying, Diversity and Inclusion, Fake News, and Self-Confidence), an exclusive programme of official *Wicked*-themed workshops (delivered onsite in schools or offsite in pre-approved central London venues), and post-matinee Q&As with cast members and production staff.

Championing learning outside the classroom, personal development, curriculum enrichment, live theatre evaluation, and cultural and social education, school or youth group tickets for *Wicked* in the Stalls or Dress Circle start from just £17.50. ●

Savings and benefits include:

- Book now / pay later flexibility
- Term time tickets from just £17.50pp
- No added fees
- Free supervision tickets
- Free trips + visits Guide
- Free venue preview video
- Risk management guidance
- Exclusive workshops + Q&As
- Free Lesson plans + resources



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Supporting every child on a residential

How Conway Centres can cater for all types of children in your class.

At Conway Centres, they know that every child is unique, enjoying different activities and having a range of strengths and interests. Winners of the Best Residential Experience at the 2023 School Travel Awards and once again finalists this year, they pride themselves on offering unique residential programmes that support every child no matter their interest, experience or ability.

Your adventure seekers

Conway Centres is home to high adventure, offering land-based, water-based and high-rope adventure activities. For the thrill-seekers in the group, with activities like Via Ferrata at Anglesey where children journey through the quarry, kayaking on the Menai Strait and reaching new heights on the tree climb at Tattenhall, adventure is never far away...

"Whilst at Conway Centres I learnt how to climb rocks, it was very tricky and scary but I did it and I was so pleased with myself."

Your shy pupils

Some pupils may feel nervous being away from home and trying out new activities, but the supportive Conway Centres team will



• Take a leap of faith with Conway Centres.

encourage and support your children to believe in themselves. Whether they want to cheer on their friends from the sideline, work with their team in creating the raft before it goes out on the water or they want to push themselves out of their comfort zone - the highly qualified Conway Centres staff will support children in achieving the unachievable...

"When I was doing Via Ferrata I had to step off a high ledge and I said, 'I can't do it' and the instructor said 'I wouldn't tell you to do it if you couldn't do it'."

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Your creative pupils

Creative pupils get more of a thrill putting pen to paper or performing a new dance piece. The Arts are a fantastic way for children and young people to express themselves, boost confidence and support wellbeing. Whether you want a full Arts programme which mixes Dance, Drama, Art and Music, to combine adventure and arts or you want to add an Arts activity on to your programme, a residential at Conway Centres will support your creative pupils to shine.

"I have been told I am a good dancer, but as a boy I don't get the opportunity to dance outside of school. I really enjoyed expressing myself in the Indian dance and the capoeira. It has helped me be proud of my talent."

Your explorers

With the Conway Centres located in North Wales and Cheshire, close to all of the adventure hotspots - your explorers can enjoy discovering all that the great outdoors has to offer including:

Delamere Discovery – perfect for primary visitors: from exploring the natural habitats to the flora and fauna within Delamere forest – there is so much to discover from simply stepping out the gate!

Snowdonia Explorer – perfect for secondary visitors: inspire and educate young people by embarking on a journey within the beautiful natural world in North Wales. Explore the surrounding beaches, woodlands, hillsides and mountains that most visitors will never find!

Your exam pupils

Education is at the heart of everything Conway Centres does. With various programmes to support with exam season for both primary and secondary, the Conway Centres' staff are experts in supporting with boosting grades and raising attainment whilst supporting children with exam pressures.

Mental Wellbeing and Adventure – supporting SATs: this unique course combines wellbeing sessions that teach techniques to support young people overcoming challenges, with adventure activities that boost confidence and are specifically designed to support Year 5 and 6 with SATs pressures.

Vote for Conway Centres in the 2024 School Travel Awards for **Best Residential Experience** at schooltravelorganiser.com/awards/vote



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• Discover life inside an Anderson Shelter at Tattenhall.

Revision adventure – supporting GCSE and A-Levels: with school-led revision sessions in the outdoor space, mixed with adventure which offers an escape from pressures - this dedicated time away gives young people the time to revise and prepare for their upcoming exams.

Exam Support Courses – supporting GCSE and A-Level Arts: with *Raising Attainment in the Art* working towards a piece of coursework for their final grade and *GCSE Dance and GCSE Drama* teaching and refining techniques and pieces in dedicated workshops – led by specialists, these successful courses have a track record of boosting final grades and raising attainment.

Your immersive learners

At Conway Centres, they know that a residential should be an extension of classroom learning and what better way to bring learning to life than in the great outdoors? There are various immersive experiences in which students can learn from a variety of hands-on experiences...

WW2 Experience Day: experience first-hand what it was like to live through Britain's Home Front during WWII. Set in the historic village of Tattenhall and with its very own Anderson Shelter, children will take part in activities such as cooking and rations, discovering what it was like living as an evacuee during WW2.

Iron Age: set in Burwardsley, with a replica Iron Age roundhouse children will be transported back to this era. Taking part in activities such as archaeological dig, wattle and daub and clay-pot making – children will learn so much that they can apply to their school work. ●



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